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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: RENEWING THE SUDAN SPECIAL  
RAPPORTEUR MANDATE AT THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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¶1. (SBU) We delivered reftel demarche on June 5 to MFA Department for Human Rights section chief Andrey Lancjikov, who said that Russia's position on extending the mandate of the Special Rapporteur for Sudan was "still under consideration." He explained that on June 4, the MFA had discussed this issue with the EU Troika, which also asked Russia to support extending the mandate. Russian representatives were also holding discussions with Africa Group members in Geneva.

¶2. (SBU) Lancjikov said that it would be easier to discuss this issue if there was a draft resolution to which all sides could refer. He thought it could be possible to get the Africa Group to support a resolution in principle, but details could not be considered until a draft was circulated. Lancjikov added that it was troubling that the EU and U.S. were considering inserting into the resolution a request for the Special Rapporteur to present a report on the situation in Sudan during the 2010 session of the Human Rights Council when it did not appear that the most recently requested report had been completed.

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